Unit Narrative

The basis for this unit is to hit the key 7th grade Reading/Language Arts standards of research and persuasive writing. I’ve received some ideas from the other 7th grade Language Arts teachers. For example, to build background I’ll be showing the movie The Great Debaters. Later, students will participate in debates on various topics and write a persuasive paper on an issue of their choice. The first tool I’ve decided to incorporate into the unit is the ipod touch. I have access to a class set and know that my students really, really want to use them. I also decided to use todaysmeet.com after hearing about it from other E2T2 participants. This unit will mesh with our cowboy unit as well. There are controversial subjects such as animal rights that students will have an opportunity to explore and may use for their writing.